



National Park Service Celebrates 2nd Annual Spring Wildflower Weekend

Wildflowers bloom from the rim of the gorge to the river. Join wildflower enthusiasts in a celebration of spring for a Wildflower Weekend at New River Gorge National River.

Friday, April 29, 2005

Stories Behind the Wildflower Scenery.

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., Sandstone Visitor Center

Park Ranger Jodi shares wildflower folklore, then Botanist Emily Grafton discusses the medicinal uses of wild plants.

Saturday, April 30, 2005

Where Blooms and Birds Meet.

7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M., Grandview Visitor Center

Park Ranger Kathleen leads a leisurely bird walk to take a closer look at the wildflower habitats that attract birds.

Hike Into Spring.

9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., Grandview - Shelter #4

Botanist Emily Grafton joins Park Rangers Jodi and Richard in leading a leisurely 2.5 mile hike from Grandview down to the New River to identify rim to river wildflowers in bloom. Return shuttle will be provided, **reservations requested**; call 304-466-0417.

Where the Wild Things Bloom.

2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M., Thurmond-Minden Trail parking area, Route 25.

Park Rangers Leah and Lloyd lead a walk on the Thurmond-Minden Trail featuring wildflower identification for beginners.

Sunday, May 1, 2005

Making the Landscape Wild.

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., Sandstone Visitor Center

Native plant specialist Peter Heus discusses using native species in home landscapes.

Wildflowers for Kids.

2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M., Canyon Rim Visitor Center

Park Ranger Adrienne leads fun activities to help children learn more about wildflowers.

Sandstone Falls Wildflower Island Walk.

2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M., Sandstone Falls

Botanist Emily Grafton joins Park Rangers Jodi and Richard in leading a search for riverside wildflowers.